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TRAUMA TASK FORCE WORKS ON BYLAWS AND MEMBERSHIP OF RTAC

The Trauma Task Force created at the last meeting of the Region 1 EMS Council will meet on December 13, 2011 to form a draft of new by-laws allowing the creation of a Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) in Region 1 and recommending membership. The committee will review the modifications of the council bylaws of Regions 5 and 6 which have become the first regions in Georgia to form RTACs. The Task Force is composed of the following members:

1. Randy Pierson – Council Chair
2. David Foster – Region 1 OEMS
3. Chad Taylor – Floyd Trauma
4. Robert Early – Redmond EMS
5. Lonnie Oliver – Fannin Fire/EMS/EMA
6. Carlton Firestone – Ambucare
7. Jim Cutcher – Council at large
8. Scott Radeker – Erlanger/Hutcheson

9. Lana Duff – Council Vice Chair – Angel EMS
10. Rick Cobb – Hamilton EMS
11. Paul Arnold – Walker Fire

NARROW BAND COMMUNICATIONS EXEMPTION APPLICATION DEADLINE

All EMS Services operating on 150-174 MHz and 421-512 MHz radio bands must meet the January 1, 2012 deadline to convert to the narrow band operation or submit a waiver to allow the service more time to comply. No new radio licenses will be accepted except the narrow band for the above frequencies after January 1, 2012. [Click here for more guidance.](#)

REGION 1 EMS EDUCATOR UPDATE SCHEDULED

The next installment of the 2010-2011 EMS Educator updates is scheduled for December 16, 2011 at the Walker County campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College. This program is designed to assist the EMS Educators in meeting the continuing education requirements necessary to re-license in Georgia. The course

will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the EMS Educator must complete an application by December 13. [Click this link for the application.](#) Featured speakers are Terri Woodruff who will be presenting Providing Emergent Care to patients with developmental and behavioral disabilities and Kim Lambert who will present a program on AHA Mission Lifeline. This program will offer 4.5 hours credit for EMS Educators. [Click on this link for agenda.](#)



MARTY WOOTEN PASSES AWAY

Marty Wooten, Paramedic #1026 and former Hutcheson EMS Director has died. His funeral was Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Heritage Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe, GA. The Region 1 Honor Guard participated along with uniformed personnel and included a fly over by Lifeforce. For his obituary visit <http://www.heritagefh.com/>

FIRST RESPONDER GRANT AVAILABLE

The second year of the First Responder grant is available with \$115,319.22 of total grant funds. All Georgia EMS 911 Providers are eligible. Contact Kimberly at kimberly0630@gmail.com for more details.

NEXT ROUND OF TABLETOP EXERCISES ANNOUNCED

The next round of tabletop exercises designed to evaluate capabilities and determine need for future EMS grant funding has been announced. The exercises are co-sponsored by GEMA-OHS, Georgia Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and GTRI. Five dates/locations have been selected which include: January 10, 2012 in Dahlonga (school cafeteria shooter), January 18, 2012 in Atlanta (active downtown shooter), January 26, 2012 in Dublin, February 8, 2012 in Pine Mountain and February 2, 2012. All exercises will be from 10-3 with lunch provided. RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/emsttx2012> or by phone to Adina Martinez at 404-407-7622.

MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OFFERS TRAINING

Memorial Health Care System of Chattanooga, Tennessee is offering a 12-lead EKG training program on January 19, 2012

from 1:00 – 4:30. The program is approved for 3 hours Georgia Con-Ed credit and lunch will be included. The program will be held at the Chattanooga Heart Institute 2nd floor in meeting rooms 1 and 2. You must RSVP to Jodie_thompson@memorial.org or by calling 423-495-3150. Registration is limited to the first 100 registrants.

GAEMS ANNOUNCES GENERAL MEETING AND CON-ED

A general membership meeting of GAEMS and a continuing education program will be held at Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, Georgia on December 16, 2011. RSVP Nita Ham at nitajham@yahoo.com.

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE WILL BE IN SESSION SOON

Watch the Region 1 website for a link to monitor bills submitted which could impact EMS in January. This is an important session because of the cuts to EMS programs last year reducing the regional office staff from three to one. We hope some of the funding will be restored with your help.

A LOOK BACK AT 2011

The following news stories occurred in 2011 which affected Georgia's EMS Region 1.



The biggest news item for Region 1 was the April tornadoes which devastated Trenton and Ringgold and struck 8 of the 16 counties in EMS Region 1.



The second news item was the naming of David T. Foster III, MLS, EMT-P as the Region 1 EMS Program Director to replace the David Loftin BS, EMT-P who retired in December 2010.



The third news item was the reduction in funding for the regional offices which lead to layoffs of all training coordinators and administrative assistants. Monique Wheeler left the EMS program because of the cuts to work at the district office in Rome.